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1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

LANGUAGE RE PUERTO RICO OCT 3 WITH FOREIGN

OFFICE ADDITIONAL SECRETARY WIJEYERATNE AND LEFT

AIDE MEMORE. WHILE EMPHASIZING SERIOUS USG CONCERN OVER

THIS ISSUE, AMB

SAID THAT ALTHOUGH RESOLUTIONS OF THIS CHARACTER

WERE OFTEN INTRODUCED BY FEW COUNTRIES WHICH HAD

NARROW SPECIAL INTERESTS IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT

VIRTUALLY ENTIRE NON-ALGINED MEMBERSHIP AT LIMA

APPARENTLY WENT ALONG ON CONSENSUS BASIS WITHOUT CONSIDERING

FACTS OF SITUATION OR RECOGNIZING INTERVENTION IN

KR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WAS INVOLVED.

2. AMB RECALLED HE HAD RAISED PUERTO RICAN

QUESTION WITH PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE MAY 26

IN AFTERMATH SIMILAR SUPPORT FOR PUERTO RICAN IN-

DEPENDENCE AT NON-ALIGNED BUREAU MEETING IN HAVANA

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LAST SPRING (COLOMBO 1685). HE HAD NOTED AT THAT TIME

TO PRIME MINISTER, ALTHOUGH SITUATIONS WERE NOT ENTIRELY COMPARABLE, SRI LANKA WOULD BE INCENSED IF USG WERE TO SUPPORT SOME FRINGE GROUP WHICH CALLED FOR INDEPENDENCE OF TAMIL AREAS OF SRI LANKA.

3. WIJEYERATNE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US POSITION AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER. AMB HIMSELF PLANS FOLLOW UP WITH MRS BANDARANAIKE AT NEXT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY. VAN HOLLEN

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